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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFIN, EINV, EMIN, CG

SUBJ: FURTHER SMTF DEVELOPMENTS

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REF: KINSHASA 0612 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING MEETINGS BETWEEN SMTF AND CENTRAL GOZ OFFICIALS DESCRIBED REFTEL, IN WHICH FORMER BROKE NEWS THAT SERVICES OF ALL SMTF AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL, WITH EXCEPTION OF MAINTENANCE STAFF, WOULD BE TERMINATED BEGINNING IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, SMTF OFFICIALS TRAVELED TO THE SHABA TO INFORM REGIONAL GOZ OFFICIALS.

2. JANUARY 24 MAURICE TEMPLESMAN, WHO WAS PRESENT AT SHABA  
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MEETINGS, TOLD US THAT REACTION OF REGIONAL OFFICIALS WAS

AS GOOD AS COULD BE EXPECTED. SHABA GOVERNOR PROMISED TO GIVE FULL COOPERATION.

3. ACCORDING TO TEMPLESMAN, SMTF HOPES TO REPATRIATE APPROXIMATELY 600 EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES WITHIN NEXT SIX WEEKS. APPROXIMATELY 200 OF THEM ARE U.S. CITIZENS. APPROXIMATELY 5,000 ZAIRIAN EMPLOYEES WILL BE RELEASED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. THEY WILL RECEIVE HALF PAY FOR FOLLOWING FOUR MONTHS. APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 40 EXPATRIATES AND 1,000 ZAIRIAN EMPLOYEES WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED IN MAINTENANCE CAPACITY.

4. TEMPLESMAN SPECULATED BULK OF TERMINATED ZAIRIAN EMPLOYEES WILL REMAIN IN TENKE FUNGUREME AREA. HE ADDED THAT MOST HAD RELATIVES AMONG THE 1,000 ZAIRIAN WHOSE SERVICES WILL BE RETAINED AND THUS, BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE IN ZAIRE OF EXTENDED FAMILY RELATIONSHIP, HARDSHIP FOR TERMINATED EMPLOYEES WILL BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED.

5. JANUARY 24 EDITION OF AZAP, OFFICIAL GOZ PUBLICATION, CARRIED BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SMTF PARTNERS IN AGREEMENT WITH ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES HAD DECIDED TO SLOW DOWN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SMTF PROJECT BECAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE PARTNERS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS OF FINANCING. THERE WAS NO MENTION IN THE ARTICLE OF INGA-SHABA POWER LINE.

6. COMMENT: AS WE POINTED OUT IN REFTTEL, IMMEDIATE REACTION OF CONCERNED GOZ OFFICIALS HAS BEEN ALMOST BETTER THAN COULD BE EXPECTED. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO NOTE ONCE MORE THAT SITUATION COULD CHANGE RAPIDLY DEPENDING UPON RESPONSE TO EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FINANCING REQUIRED AND/OR IF THERE ARE LOCAL DISTURBANCES BY DISCHARGED WORKERS.  
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